

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN EARL BLUMENAUER
APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM
FISCAL YEAR 2011**

Instructions

1. Please complete the entire form. **All fields are required.**
2. Please do not **bold**, underline, or *italicize* responses.
3. Request forms must be submitted as a Word document.
4. All completed request forms and any supplemental materials must be submitted via email to:
Appropriations.Blumenauer@mail.house.gov
5. Please do not send more than one request per email.
6. All completed request forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 26, 2010.**
7. If you do not receive an email confirming receipt of your request within 48 hours of submission, please contact Stephanie Cappa in Congressman Blumenauer's Washington, D.C. office at 202-225-4811.

PLEASE NOTE: All appropriations requests submitted to Congressman Blumenauer's office will be made public on his website, as required by the House Committee on Appropriations.

Project Details

1. Project title: Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project

2. Organization name and address (the recipient of the funds):

Multnomah County
Land Use and Transportation Program
1600 N.E. 190th Avenue
Portland, OR 97233

3. Contact information

a. Project's primary contact: Karen Schilling

b. Daytime telephone number/ mobile phone number: 503-988-5050 x29635/ [REDACTED]

c. Email Address: Karen.C.Schilling@co.multnomah.or.us

d. Project location (if different than organization's address):

Across the Willamette River at River Mile 16.6, Portland, Oregon Multnomah County

4. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities.

Multnomah County is a public entity that provides local government services to the general public. The County's Land Use and Transportation Program plans, builds and maintains transportation facilities.

5. Is this organization a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity?

Multnomah County is a public entity.

6. From what federal agency and account are you requesting funds (Please be specific –e.g., Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account)?

Department of Transportation: Federal Highway Administration – Transportation & Community & System Preservation Account

7. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (no more than 500 words).

The project replaces the current 80-year old, functionally and structurally obsolete bridge (rating 2 out of 100). The locally-preferred alternative consists of 2 vehicle lanes (one in each direction), bicycle lanes and sidewalks on both sides of the bridge, improved bridgehead connections and enhanced stormwater management. This project will reduce congestion at each of the bridge heads as well as enhance safety by reducing the hazard of head-on collisions between vehicles traveling on the narrow lanes. Bicycle and pedestrian facilities will replace the one narrow sidewalk and will bring the bridge into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). These improvements will also create better connections to the trails at both ends of the bridge. Eliminating existing structural deficiencies of the bridge will allow trucks, buses and emergency response vehicles weighing more than 10 tons to safely use the structure. Economic and congestion mitigation benefits will come from removing the existing tight turning radii and weight restrictions that force trucks to travel out-of-direction. The existing bridge is seismically vulnerable which will be corrected when a new bridge is in place. Environmental benefits will also result from a new structure. The existing structure discharges roadway stormwater runoff directly into the Willamette River, home to several federally listed fish species. The new bridge will include state-of-the-art stormwater treatment facilities to capture and treat run-off before it is released to the Willamette River. Removing the current structure will also eliminate lead based paint from falling into the Willamette River.

8. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

The purpose of the project is to replace the current bridge within its existing east-west corridor with a structurally safe bridge with connections that accommodate multi-modal mobility needs. The Sellwood Bridge is a regionally significant transportation facility. It links two state highways and is the only crossing of the Willamette River in a 12-mile reach. The Sellwood Bridge provides a critical segment for inter-county trips between Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington Counties. The existing crossing is a narrow two-lane bridge used by over 30,000 vehicles daily. It is the busiest 2-lane bridge in the State of Oregon. It has narrow, substandard sidewalk and no bike lanes. Congested conditions and slow travel speeds occur because the travel demand served by the Sellwood Bridge exceeds the available capacity for several hours each day. The bridge is part of the regional freight and regional transit system. However, in 2004, the County prohibited trucks and buses from using the bridge based on the deteriorated structural integrity. This included approximately 100 Tri Met bus trips and nearly 1,200 trucks from using the bridge daily. After 80 years, the Sellwood Bridge has reached the end of its useful service life. The project will improve connections, operations and safety for vehicles, bicycles and pedestrians.

9. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

Yes.

9a. If yes, please provide the fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

\$1,266,200 in FY10 THUD Bill – FHWA – TCSP Account
\$7,000,000 in the SAFETEA-LU Authorization bill

Funding Details

10. Amount requested for this project: \$5 million

11. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project (e.g., salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000):

Final Design and Right of Way acquisition: \$5 million

12. What is the total cost of the project? \$330 million

13. Is this project scalable (i.e., If partial funding is awarded, will the organization still be able to use the funds in FY 2011?)?

Yes. The County has some funding to contribute to the Final Design and Right-of-Way acquisition phase of the project.

14. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please be specific about funding sources and funding amounts)

\$ 127.0M Multnomah County (new vehicle registration fee and previous local match)

\$ 30.0M State of Oregon (Jobs and Transportation Act)

\$ 11.0M Previously secured funds remaining from EIS phase

\$ 100.0M City of Portland (new revenues from the Jobs and Transportation Act)

\$ 22.0M Clackamas County (proposed new vehicle registration fee)

\$ 40.0M Request to Federal Authorization of Transportation Act

15. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project.

City of Portland, Clackamas County, Metro

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